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CLERK US DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

In the matter of
SUSPENSION OF
GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS IN THE
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
IN RESPONSE TO
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

**GENERAL ORDER 20-12** 

For the same public health and other reasons related to COVID-19 described in General Order 20-10, all grand juries that were scheduled to convene in the District of Arizona on or before April 17, 2020, will be suspended and not in session, unless otherwise ordered by the Chief Judge. This General Order is effective March 16, 2020, and applies for the period until April 17, 2020, and for the period of any extensions or renewals of this order.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), if any individual is charged in this district with a felony during this period when the grand jury is not in session, the period of time for presenting the case to the grand jury shall be extended an additional thirty days from the indictment deadline. In addition, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), for any cases that would have required presentment to the grand jury during the period when the grand jury will not be in session under this order, the period for presenting the case to the grand jury shall be extended thirty days from the indictment deadline. The time periods implemented by this General Order will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act. The Court specifically finds that the ends of justice served by ordering the continuances outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendant's right to a speedy trial. Any motion by a criminal

defendant seeking an exception to this order in order to exercise that right should be directed to the Magistrate Judge assigned to the matter.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

. Murray Snow

Chief United States District Judge